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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

I am writing you in the hopes of you clarifying some questions I have about the assassination of JFK. Until about June of last year I knew very little about the event, until I visited JFK. The first thing that occurred to me was, 'did Oliver Stone ever do his homework!'

That started a long list of books to read on the subject, including your book 'Whitewash', which I enjoyed very much. So much I had to re-read it in order to understand some of the material. I also saw the A&E program 'The men who killed Kennedy' and enjoyed your segments. Oh, and I saw you as well on 'The Garrison Tapes' and particularly liked your appraisal of the FBI report of the Bronson film; 'and not to recognize a building!'

Anyhoo, the main reason I'm writing is because in a recent book I read 'JFK, the book of the film', I was extremely puzzled to see an article by you saying that both the A&E program, & Stone's movie were 'very bad'. Could you please fill me in a bit more on your reasons?

Another question I have concerns your characterization of Jim Garrison's investigation as a fantasy of self justification. I was under the (possibly mistaken) impression that he did an okay job, that most of his allegations were true, even though the jury acquitted Mr. Shaw. As a somewhat new reader of all the information about this topic, I'm thoroughly confused! On one hand, I read one story about Jim Garrison being a fine DA, the next minute I read he abused his power, etc. One minute he's in with the mafia, turning a blind eye & having them finance his Las Vegas gambling trips, the next minute he cracks down on them . . . Yikes! I very much trust you, so perhaps you could set the record straight for me.

I have tons of other things to ask, but I shall stop here, as I don't want to overstay my welcome. Would it be possible for me to write to you in the future with other questions, or just to say hello from time to time? In closing, I'd like to say

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thank you for taking time to read & consider my letter. My local bookstore tells me your Whitewash series is about to be published, so I have my name in there to receive a copy of those books.

I'm eagerly awaiting your reply.

Yours Sincerely;

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